

**Village of Indian Head Park  
201 Acacia Drive  
Indian Head Park, IL 60525**

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**MEETING MINUTES  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

*“Pursuant to 5 ILCS 120/2.06 (3) minutes of public meetings shall include, but need not be limited to: a general description of all matters proposed, discussed, or decided, and a record of votes taken.”*

**Thursday, April 9, 2009  
7:30 P.M.**

**★ CALL TO ORDER - MAYOR RICHARD ANDREWS**

The regular scheduled meeting of the Village of Indian Head Park Board of Trustees was held on Thursday, April 9 2009, at the Municipal Facility, 201 Acacia Drive, and was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by Mayor Richard Andrews. Village Clerk Joseph Consolo called the roll as follows:

**★ ROLL CALL: JOSEPH CONSOLO, VILLAGE CLERK**

**PRESENT (AND CONSTITUTING A QUORUM):**

Mayor Richard Andrews  
Trustee Debbie Anselmo  
Trustee Brian T. Bailey  
Trustee Anne Bermier  
Trustee Carol Coleman  
Trustee Norman L. Schnauffer  
Trustee Matthew P. Walsh II

**ALSO PRESENT:**

Frank Alonzo, Chief of Police/Administration  
Joseph V. Consolo, Village Clerk  
Richard Ramello, Counsel, Storino, Ramello & Durkin  
Edward Santen, Water/Public Works Superintendent

**NOT PRESENT:**

Steve Busa, Treasurer

**★ PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG**

Mayor Richard Andrews and the Board of Trustees led the audience in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag: *“I Pledge Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America and to the republic for which it stands, one nation under God indivisible with liberty and justice for all”*.

## ★ OATH OF OFFICE BY VILLAGE CLERK JOSEPH CONSOLO

### Administering Oath of Office to Police Officer Paul Retzke

Village Clerk Joseph Consolo administered the oath of office to Police Officer Paul Retzke who was appointed as a full-time police officer. Mayor Andrews noted that Officer Retzke attended police training at the academy since the beginning of the year and he graduated in March, 2009. Mayor Andrews, the Board of Trustees and Police Chief Alonzo welcomed Officer Retzke to the Indian Head Park Police Department.

## ★ MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Andrews congratulated Trustees Anselmo, Bermier and Coleman on their recent re-election as Trustees, each a four-year term, to the Village of Indian Head Park. He noted Trustee Anselmo is serving a third term, Trustee Coleman is serving a fifth term and Trustee Bermier is serving an eighth term. Mayor Andrews stated that he appreciates the time Board members devote to matters that come before the Village Board.

Mayor Andrews stated that there were many referendums on the recent ballots in many of the communities. He noted that the City of Countryside had a referendum about a real estate transfer tax that was defeated, the Village of Hinsdale had a retail tax referendum that won by about fifteen votes, and there were various other revenue related referenda in some communities in the area that were defeated. Mayor Andrews stated that in Park Ridge there were two referendum choice questions on the ballot. The two choices were should a new police facility be built or to improve the existing police facility. He noted that when the public was called upon in Park Ridge the voters did not approve the option to improve the facility and the option to build a new facility was passed by referendum. Mayor Andrews pointed out that even in difficult economic times and tight budgets, people are still willing to pay for health and safety issues. He added that generally in some communities raising taxes and increasing revenue to the local municipality was not favored by the voters at this time.

Mayor Andrews reported that the paperwork was filed by the Village with regard to participation and federal funding from the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act for the Blackhawk Trail resurfacing project. Mayor Andrews stated that he received a letter from former Village President Werner Perthel who mentioned that the Flagg Creek Water Reclamation District has plans to disconnect some sewers and he is concerned that the disconnect of sewers may cause storm water and sewage into Flagg Creek. Mayor Andrews stated that Frank Alonzo is working with the Village engineer to review this matter.

Mayor Andrews stated that the Village has been receiving some calls from residents about the leaf program. He noted that the Public Works Department will make a one-time pick-up only to remove leaves that were accumulated in the Village parkway from last fall.

Mayor Andrews reported that he was notified by the City of Countryside that pursuant to the terms of the water contract, the City of Countryside can adjust the water rate to Indian Head Park based on their costs. He noted that the City of Countryside will inform Indian Head Park regarding an increase in the water rate.

★ **APPROVAL OF BOARD MEETING MINUTES**

*Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting - March 12, 2009*

After review of Board meeting minutes, Trustee Coleman moved, seconded by Trustee Schnauffer, to approve the March 12, 2009 regular Board meeting minutes, as presented. Carried by unanimous voice vote (6/0/0).

★ **APPROVAL OF FINANCIAL REPORT - TREASURER BUSA**

*Financial Report for the month ending March 31, 2009*

Mayor Andrews noted that the financial report for the month ending March 31, 2009 will be deferred to the May Board meeting agenda for approval. He further noted that all of the bank statements were not received by the Finance Department in order to complete the report.

★ **QUESTIONS AND/OR COMMENTS FROM THE AUDIENCE - INDIAN HEAD PARK RESIDENTS REGARDING AGENDA ITEMS ONLY**

None

★ **AGENDA ITEMS (DISCUSSION AND A POSSIBLE VOTE MAY TAKE PLACE REGARDING ITEMS LISTED ON THE AGENDA)**

*(1) Ordinance Amending the Village of Indian Head Park Municipal Code Regarding Certain Fees and Charges Regarding Vehicle License Fees. (Ordinance #09-4).*

Mayor Andrews stated the last time vehicle license fees were raised was in 2003 and in 2005 a special vehicle license category and fee was created for antique cars. Mayor Andrews noted at the last Village Board meeting an amended budget was passed that had a \$62,000 shortfall and the next fiscal year budget will also be a challenge. He further noted that there has not been a property tax increase at the local level for approximately twelve years, the percentage of revenue that it takes to run the Village that is derived from property taxes is decreasing over time, it is becoming more difficult to find revenues, the Village has a lean budget and there are no lavish expenditures. Mayor Andrews stated that Indian Head Park is not a home rule community and the Village is limited in establishing revenue generating sources. He added that there was a 500% increase in the price per ton of road salt to the Village this past year and routine maintenance, plowing and salting of the roadway system and other services are essential to a Village. Mayor Andrews stated that there were unanticipated expenses this past year that caused a budget deficit.

Mayor Andrews stated that a budget deficit is a minor problem compared to running out of money to pay the Village's bills and meeting payroll and paying vendors. He added that every level of government from the local to the state level is reviewing their budgets also to determine how to increase revenues. Mayor Andrews stated that he is hopeful that the increase in vehicle license fees will generate additional revenue to cover some of the budget shortfall. Trustee Schnaufer mentioned that there are some vehicles throughout the Village that do not have vehicle stickers displayed and those residents are required to purchase vehicle stickers. Mayor Andrews stated that there are costs to maintain the roadways and he recommended to the Board to amend the Municipal Code to increase the vehicle license fees.

Mayor Andrews pointed out that in the early 1990's the vehicle sticker fee for passenger cars was \$20.00, in 2003 the fee was increased to \$35.00 per car and the new proposed fee for passenger cars is \$50.00 with all other vehicle categories to be adjusted proportionately approximately by the same amount as passenger cars. Mayor Andrews pointed out that Counsel Ramello previously created a fees and charges section of the Municipal Code to establish a new section of the code. He noted that the ordinance presented this evening will amend Chapter 3.30 entitled "*Fees and Charges*" of the Municipal Code. Mayor Andrews stated that the ordinance requires vehicle stickers to be sold for a period of sixty (60) days prior to the expiration date, which is June 30<sup>th</sup> of each year. He noted that the language in the previous ordinance allowed for an additional two week period after the expiration date before a penalty was applied. Mayor Andrews stated that after the June 30<sup>th</sup> expiration date of the vehicle sticker an individual could still receive a citation by the Police Department but the late penalty was not applied until after July 14<sup>th</sup>.

Mayor Andrews stated that the new ordinance has been updated to reflect the new vehicle license fees as well as updating the text of the ordinance to reflect that vehicle stickers will be on sale May 1<sup>st</sup> of each year and must be purchased and displayed by June 30<sup>th</sup>. After that date citations and late penalties may apply and there is no grace period. Mayor Andrews stated that if someone is a new resident within (30) days and provides proof of residency to purchase a vehicle sticker there is no late penalty and based on the date moving into the Village, a ½ year rate may apply. Mayor Andrews noted that various other administrative sections of the vehicle license ordinance were amended, fees are also established for transfers to new vehicles and the vehicle license applications may also be downloaded and printed from the Village's Website at: [www.indianheadpark-il.gov](http://www.indianheadpark-il.gov).

Trustee Bermier asked if the Village could get the word out to the residents regarding the new vehicle license fees. Mayor Andrews stated that a notice will be posted in the Administration Office listing the new fees and information will be placed on the cable community access channel as well as the Village's Website to inform residents. Frank Alonzo pointed out that the new fees will also be printed on the applications that will be mailed to the residents by May 1<sup>st</sup>.

Trustee Schnaufer moved, seconded by Trustee Anselmo, to approve an ordinance amending the Village of Indian Head Park Municipal Code regarding certain fees and charges regarding vehicle license fees. Carried by unanimous roll call vote (6/0/0). ***Ordinance #09-4.***

*Ayes: Trustees: Anselmo, Bailey, Bermier, Coleman, Schnaufer, Walsh*

*Nays: None*

*Absent: None*

***(2) Update and Discussion Regarding the Easter Egg Hunt at Blackhawk Park on Saturday, April 11, 2009.***

Mayor Andrews reported that the Village sponsored Easter Egg Hunt will be held on Saturday, April 11, 2009 at Blackhawk Park at 11:00 a.m. He invited everyone to attend and mentioned that this year a magician “Yahoudie the Great” will perform a magic show for the children following the Easter Egg Hunt.

***(3) Update and Discussion Regarding the Village’s 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary.***

Mayor Andrews stated that the Village will celebrate its 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary on Saturday, August 8<sup>th</sup> at Blackhawk Park. Trustee Carol Coleman stated that she is working with Trustee Bermier to arrange musical entertainment for the Village’s 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. She noted that the West Suburban Concert Band will perform on Saturday, August 8<sup>th</sup> from 3:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. and an acoustics band will perform from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. Mayor Andrews stated that the Jessie White Tumblers organization was contacted previously and as of this date we have not heard back.

Village Clerk Joe Consolo stated that he would work with the Medinah Shriners group to arrange for entertainment for the Village’s 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. Trustee Walsh stated that he would contact the Cook County Sheriff’s Department to inquire if they could provide a canine unit. Mayor Andrews noted that Fire Chief Dan Hermes will be contacted to inquire if the Pleasantview Fire Protection District can also be present.

Mayor Andrews stated that the Village hoped to host a bigger event for its 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. However, the Board is also cognizant of the budget and economic situation. Mayor Andrews stated that he is suggesting a budget not to exceed \$20,000 for the Village’s 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebration of which a portion of those funds can be raised by donations and the Village will make up the difference. Mayor Andrews further stated that a 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the incorporation of a Village does not occur very often and it is worth recognizing that date as a community. He added that the event will be a community gathering and further details regarding the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebration will be provided in a future issue of Smoke Signals.

Trustee Bailey stated that he has attempted to contact a representative from Burke Beverage and various vendors regarding costs for food and beverages and he is waiting for return telephone calls from the vendors. Mayor Andrews stated that a moonwalk for the children will also be provided.

★ **QUESTIONS AND/OR COMMENTS FROM THE AUDIENCE**

None

★ **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Trustee Walsh moved, seconded by Trustee Bermier, to adjourn to executive session pursuant to 5 ILCS 120/2 (c) (1) to discuss the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline or performance of specific employees. Carried by unanimous roll call vote (6/0/0).

*Ayes: Trustees: Anselmo, Bailey, Bermier, Coleman, Schnauffer, Walsh*

*Nays: None*

*Absent: None*

★ **RETURN TO THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING**

Trustee Coleman moved, seconded by Trustee Anselmo, to return to the regular Board meeting. Carried by unanimous voice vote (6/0/0).

★ **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to discuss, Trustee Bailey moved, seconded by Trustee Schnauffer, to adjourn the regular Board meeting at 8:35 p.m. Carried by unanimous voice vote (6/0/0).

Respectfully Submitted,  
Kathy Leach, Deputy Clerk/Recording Secretary